

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1382
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INDO-RUSSIA AGREEMENT IN NUCLEAR FIELD
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the atomic power agencies of India and Russia signed an agreement of cooperation on January 15, 2003 in the field of safety regulation for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement;
- (c) the extent to which it will have impact on the safety regulation for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
- (d) whether this is as sequel to the agreement reached between the two counties in November 20, 1988 and the Inter-Governmental Agreement of June 21, 1998; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIS.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and the Federal Nuclear Radiation Safety Authority of Russia have signed an agreement of cooperation in the field of safety regulation in the process of nuclear energy use for peaceful purposes.

The regulatory agencies have agreed to familiarize themselves and to exchange information on the practices followed by them to ensure the safety of nuclear power plant personnel and the public and protection of the environment, specifically in the context of the Nuclear Power Plant at Kudankulam that is being set up in cooperation with the Russian Federation.

(c) The exchanges on a number of important safety related areas between the two regulatory agencies will be beneficial to both organisations and will further enhance safety.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The agreement between the Republic of India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic on cooperation in the construction of a nuclear power plant in India dated November 20, 1988 and the supplement to the Agreement dated June 21, 1998 was for the setting up of a Nuclear Power Plant at Kudankulam. The Agreement between the regulatory agencies is related to this Nuclear Power Plant and recognises the great importance of information and experience exchange in the matter of safety in design, construction and operation of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant to ensure and enhance safety.